

WLCA NEWSLETTER



Woodlawn Lake Community Association

Keeping Woodlawn Wonderful Since 1992

Special Neighborhood Edition

Spring 2018

San Antonio, Texas

EARTH DAY 2018 at WOODLAWN LAKE

A New Look at the Park - April 21st

Fiesta Verde for the next 300 years, San Antonio's Earth Day 2018, is on Saturday, April 21st, from 10 am to 3 pm, at Woodlawn Lake Park. It is part of the City's annual Fiesta that focuses on appreciation of our planet and its natural order. Begun in 1970, Earth Day is observed world-wide on April 22nd. San Antonio had its first event in 1990 and this year is sponsored by the Westside Development Corporation. The day's activities will take place by the Island House and the tennis courts at the west shore of the lake. The area parking lot will not be available, so walk or bike if you can.

This year's free event will focus more on environmental information than in previous years. It will feature environmental speakers, free and reduced-price plants, vegetarian food booths, solar information, and gardening ideas. Pre-event activities will include yoga at 9:15 am and a social bike ride at 9:30 am. Each participating vendor will have an activity, demonstration, or interactive learning activity related to Earth Day or environmentalism. Other features will include song, dance, exercise, fashion, and art. There will be drawings for bicycle giveaways. The SAWS water truck will be on site for refillable water bottles. To cut down on plastic pollution, bottled water will not be available, nor will single use plastic items and utensils. Alcohol is never allowed at the Park and smoking is not permitted at the event. More information is at info@westsidedevcorp.com.

Butterfly Garden

WLCA is developing a native plants garden at the west end of our Park, by the pavilion at W. Craig and S. Josephine Tobin. It will be the largest pollinator garden in the City, with native perennial plants that will provide a habitat for birds, bees, and butterflies. The project should be completed this year, the 100th anniversary of Woodlawn Lake as a City park, thus is named Centennial Garden. It is a part of the Earth Day celebration and WLCA will be meeting with visitors. Please come by to talk to us about WLCA, our Park, our Garden, and our community.

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER EDITION

The bi-monthly WLCA Newsletter is sent only to paid members. In the Spring, however, we print a special edition to publicize Earth Day and to introduce our entire community to our Association. It is our hope that our neighbors will choose to become a part of WLCA.

If this Newsletter was delivered to your home, you reside within the WLCA boundaries. You may also be in the Monticello Park Historic District or the Woodlawn Lake Area Neighborhood Conservation District (NCD) or the Jefferson NCD. These are not associations but are zoning overlays that WLCA helped set up to protect the characters of these communities.

ABOUT WLCA

Who we are: The Woodlawn Lake Community Association (WLCA) is a voluntary, non-profit organization. Our goals are to maintain the character and history of our park and community, while enhancing the beauty, security, and tranquility of this area.

Area: Our geographic boundaries are (N) Donaldson, (S) Culebra, (E) Zazamora, and (W) Gen. McMullen - St. Cloud. Individuals residing outside our boundaries but with an interest in our Park and this community can be non-voting members and have a voice concerning our issues.

Dues: Dues are for the calendar year. Amounts are on the form at the back of this page. Payment makes you a member.

Meetings: We meet at 6:30 pm on the last Tuesday of every month, except in December. Meetings are held at the Woodlawn Lake Park Wi-Fi Room in the gym building.

Attendance & Participation: We do not require our members to be at our meetings nor to participate in any of our activities. We try to make our meetings relevant, with speakers who bring us up to date with City functions and area developments and who listen to our concerns and answer our questions.

Online: WLCA is on Facebook and at neighborhoodlink.com. Email us at wlca@att.net.

Woodlawn Lake Community Association--Membership 2018

We safeguard your personal information

Name: _____ DOB Mo & Day: _____

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Address: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Membership type: _____ Individual (\$5 per year) _____ Family/Household (\$10 per year)
(please check) _____ School, _____ Non-Profit, or _____ Business (each \$10 per year)

Make your check payable to the Woodlawn Lake Community Association

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TO JOIN WLCA, fill in this Application and mail it with your dues to WLCA, P.O. Box 28374, San Antonio TX 78228; or bring the form and dues to our Centennial Garden on Earth Day (Apr 21) or to a WLCA meeting (next meeting: Apr 24).

WLCA EFFORTS & SUCCESSES

Community Preservation. Fighting to control traffic speed and volume in neighborhood streets. Working to save area historic structures and to keep out development not complimentary of this area. Helped to expand the Monticello Park Historic District. Initiated and led effort to establish the Woodlawn Lake Area NCD and participated in creating the Jefferson NCD.

Park Enhancements. Sponsor Woodlawn Lake Park clean-ups, including Basura Bash and Adopt-a-Park. Campaign for Park improvements and preservation of Park's historic, recreational, family-friendly, and green character. Pursuing a bicycle trail on streets around Park. Active in Park Watch program.

Civic Involvement. Active part of Westside Creeks Restoration Project and in getting it funded. Active in west side revitalization efforts. Give financial help and holiday gifts to neighbors in need. Many members hold elective office, serve on City boards and commissions, and are involved with our schools and charities. Spearheaded drive to make City parks tobacco smoke free. Active voice in City bond issues.

Safety. Work with our SAPD SAFTE Officer to enhance crime prevention efforts. Active in neighborhood watch. Led fight to stop a drug rehab center from opening in area. Led effort to set curfew and have Police stationed at Park. Stopped alcohol use in all Park areas and activities. Got slower speed limits and all-way stops around Park. Working for safer school crossings.

Local Improvements. Initiated efforts to return quality retail shopping to our area. Worked to bring improvements to the Fredericksburg Road Deco District. Working to improve area street corridors of Zarzamora, Cincinnati, and Culebra. Pursuing an area trolley that would connect the Park, area schools, the Deco District, and any future bus rapid transit or light rail system. Fighting to keep stray dogs, parked 18-wheeler trucks, and bandit signs out of our neighborhood.

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SOME RULES AT WOODLAWN LAKE

Alcohol. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the Park.

Animals. Any dog taken into the Park must be restrained on a leash and the handler must also pick up after his/her animal. There is a fenced leash-free area by the casting pond.

Boating. You can use a non-motorized boat or watercraft of any type during daylight hours. A permit is not required. Each participant must have a personal flotation device and the craft must be removed from the Lake when boating is done.

Curfew. The Park closes from 12 midnight to 5 am, every day.

Fishing. A valid fishing license with a freshwater stamp endorsement is required.

Refuse. Blue recycle containers are for empty cans and uncapped bottles only. All other refuse goes into the green trash cans. Glass containers are not allowed at the Park. (If cans are full or if you have other types of recyclables, take the refuse home for proper disposal. Do not litter.)

Trail. The trail is for walking, hiking, or jogging. Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, or non-motorized vehicles are prohibited. Children on tricycles or bicycles with training wheels are allowed so long as they are under immediate adult supervision. (WLCA favors a bike path on the streets around the Park.)

Do not feed bread to ducks

White bread offers little-to-no nutritional benefit. Birds may find it tasty and fill up on it instead of foods more beneficial to them. This could also lead to body deformities. Reliance on human feeding keeps ducklings from learning how to forage healthy food for themselves. Uneaten crumbs attract predators and grow mold that makes ducks and other riparian critters sick.